Transportation and mining of coal by contractors

†3726. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the details of actual mining and explored coal are not reported to Government due to the transportation and mining work being given by government to contractors in Chhattisgarh and as a result of which Government are losing huge revenue;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to entrust the transportation and mining work to private companies in order to protect S.E.C.L. companies from the loss of revenue; and

(c) Government's response thereto and the details of action Govenrment are going to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer given to part (a) of the question.

Use of surface minor machines

†3727. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality of coal improves with the use of surface miner machine in coal mining;

(b) the names of mines under Coal India in which surface miner machines are being used and the rates thereof;

(c) whether tender was invited for surface miner machine for coal mining in Gevara/Dipka mine under SECL during 2002-03;

(d) if so, the reasons for not arriving at a decision yet; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) As reported by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), quality of coal improves with the use of Surface Miner machines. Surface Miner machines

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allow mining of coal and non-coal band of a seam separately and thus helps to improve the quality of coal consistently.

(b) Details of surface miner machines deployed in the mines of Coal India Ltd. are as under:

Name of Mine	Name of Company	Awarded Rates (Rs.)	Remarks
Ashoka Piparwar	CCL CCL	56.90/ton 31.95/ cubic meter	Extraction & transportation of coal Extraction & transfer of coal including parting of thickness less than 1 meter into tipping trucks
Gevra OC	SECL	20.98/ cubic meter	Cutting of Coal
Belpahar	MCL	26.00/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Lakhanpur	MCL	31.50/cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Lingraj	MCL	21.99/cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Hingulia	MCL	31.50/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Kalinga	MCL	26.00/cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal
Bharatpur	MCL	31.00/ cubic meter	Extraction and loading of coal

(c) to (e) No tender was floated in the year 2002-03 for Gevra/Dipka mine under South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. However, in the year 2003-04 a tender was invited for Gevra Mine and the same was finalized and awarded during the year 2004-05.

Coal shortage

3728. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of coal shortage the generation of electricity and manufacturing of steel has been affected adversely; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to make up the require coal supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Although there was some temporary generation and production loss at certain individual units, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been able to by and large meet the requirements of coal of the thermal power stations and steel plants as per the Annual Action Plan targets. The power sector has further been advised to import about 10 million tonnes of coal during the current financial year to meet their increasing demand for coal due to increased generation.